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RY2019 EOHHS Manual Release Notes
(Version 12.2)

Supplement to:

RY2019 EOHHS Technical Specifications Manual for Acute Hospital Quality Measures (v12.0)

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Section I. Introduction

A. Purpose of Release Notes

The EOHHS Release Notes Version 12.2 provides updates applicable to the RY2019 EOHHS Technical Specifications Manuals published for hospitals participating in MassHealth Hospital Pay-for-Performance (P4P) Program. Information in this document addresses the impact of the updates listed below.

1) **Important Updates**

   a) **New MassQEX Portal Reports Dissemination Procedure**: Effective December 2019, the EOHHS contractor will post all hospital measure reports in the MassQEX secure portal starting with RY19 year-end reports. Hospital reports will no longer be mailed.

   b) **MassQEX Reports User Guide:** Effective December 2019 a new Appendix A-9: RY19 MassQEX User Guide has been added to the RY19 EOHHS Technical Specifications Manual (v12.0). User guides will be updated each rate year.

   c) **Case List Request Posting:** The timing of the MassQEX portal reports system go-live date will affect the posting of medical record case list requests selected for chart validation. Posting of record case list requests in the MassQEX portal begins with the RY20 Q3-2019 reporting cycle as described in page 2 of this Release Notes.

2) **EOHHS Manual Versions**
   a) This Release Notes (v12.2) document should be used in conjunction with the RY19 EOHHS Technical Specifications Manual (v12.0) and other Release Notes (v12.0, 12.1).

   b) Hospitals are responsible for downloading and using the appropriate versions of EOHHS Manual and Appendix data tools that apply to each quarterly discharge data period being collected and submitted. Failure to adhere to appropriate versions of the data collection tools will result in MassQEX portal rejecting data files.

B. Guidelines for Using Release Notes

The EOHHS Release Notes are organized to follow the Technical Specifications Manual sections and appendix listed in the table of contents. Updates are presented using the following headings:

- **Key Impact** – identifies the EOHHS Manual section that is impacted by the change listed (i.e.: measure specifications, data tools, dictionary, etc.). A key impact is defined as information that will affect data collection and reporting file requirements.

- **Description of Change** – identifies the specific content within the manual section where the change was made. (i.e.: measure specifications, flowcharts, data format, reporting values, etc.).

- **Rationale** – a brief statement on the reason why the change is being made.

Contact EOHHS MassHealth at masshealthhospitalquality@state.ma.us if you have any questions about the Acute Hospital RFA contract reporting requirement updates.

Section II. Updates in Release Notes (v 12.2)

This section summarizes the key impact, description of change and rationale that apply to the important updates described above.

A. **MassQEX Portal Reports Go-Live Date:** Effective December 11, 2019 all RY19 MassQEX year-end measure reports will be posted in the secure web portal. Below is a summary of changes in the EOHHS Technical Specifications Manuals that will be impacted by the go-live date.

Key Impact	Description of Change	Rationale
RY19 Section 1.C.1: (Data Reporting Cycles)	• Modify Table 1.3 Acute RFA Data Submission Cycles affected due dates affected by MassQEX portal go live date as shown below.	Clarify reporting cycles and EOHHS Manual versions that apply
RY19 Section 5.D.1 (Portal User Account Limit)	• Each hospital shall have a maximum of five (5) Hospital staff user accounts identified as registered user. All hospital staff registered users will have access to the MassQEX reports in secure portal.	Clarify MassQEX hospital user account limits as of October 1, 2019.
RY19 Section 6.A: (Chart Request Schedule)	• All RY19 medical record case list requests for CY2018 (Q3, Q4) were mailed to hospitals, via U.S. postal service, and will **not** be posted in the portal.	The timing of CY2018 reporting cycle due date precedes the MassQEX portal reports go-live date of December 11, 2019.
Appendix A-9: (RY19 MassQEX Reports User Guide)	• This new Appendix to RY19 EOHHS Technical Specifications Manual (12.0) is posted on Mass.Gov https://www.mass.gov/lists/eohhs-technical-specifications-manuals#acute-hospital-rate-year-2019-	Appendix A-9 provides detail on how to read and understand the RY19 MassQEX year-end reports posted in the portal.
RY20 Section 6.A: (Chart Request Schedule)	• The CY2019 medical record case list request for the Q1-2019 and Q2-2019 were mailed to hospitals and will <u>not</u> be posted in the portal. • Beginning with CY2019 (Q3-2019) reporting due dates the medical record case list request <u>will be posted</u> in MassQEX portal for download	The timing of CY2019 (Q1, Q2) reporting cycle due dates precedes the MassQEX portal reports go-live date of December 11, 2019.

B. **Case List Posting Schedule:** Posting of the rate year quarterly case list requests will be affected by the timing of portal reports system go-live date are highlighted in modified Table 1.3 below.

Table 1.3 Acute RFA Data Submission Cycles

Acute RFA Period	Submission Due Date	Quarter Reporting Cycle	Discharge Data Periods	EOHHS Manual Version
RY 2019	May 17, 2019	Quarter 3 & 4 2018	July 1, 2018 – Dec 31, 2018	V.12.0, Release Notes 12.0a
RY 2020	Aug 16, 2019	Quarter 1-2019	Jan 1, 2019 – Mar 31, 2019	V.12.0 & Release Notes 12.1, 12.2
RY 2020	Nov 15, 2019	Quarter 2-2019	Apr 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019	V.12.0 & Release Notes 12.1,12.2
RY 2020	*Feb 14, 2020*	*Quarter 3-2019*	July 1, 2019 – Sept 30, 2019	V.13.0 & Release Notes 12.2
RY 2020	May 15, 2020	Quarter 4-2019	Oct 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2019	V.13.0
RY 2021	*Aug 14, 2020*	*Quarter 1-2020*	Jan 1, 2020 – Mar 31, 2020	Version TBD & Release Notes 12.2

As shown in Table above, for RY20 the CY19 Q3 submissions are due 2/14/2020 and the case list request for chart validation will be posted within 14 calendar year days following the Q3-2019 portal close date. The next RY21 Q1 submissions are due 8/14/2020 and the case list request for chart validation will be posted within 14 days following the Q1-2020 portal close date. Each Hospital is responsible for downloading their case lists and adhering to submission requirements in Section 1 of RY19 MassQEX Reports User Guide.

Contact the MassQEX Help Desk massqexhelp@telligen.com or (844) 546-1343 for all questions related to the MassQEX portal reports system and case list request schedules.